Finalisation of draft agrarian policy

*125. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the draft agrarian policy;

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be finalised; and

(c) whether Government propose to consult the peasants organisations and Agricultural workers' organisations before finalising the policy ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The modified draft Agricultural Policy Resolution prepared by the Government has been placed in Parliament on 14th May, 1993.

(c) Farmers representatives and concerned organisations/experts have already been consulted in the preparation of the draft Resolution.

Coaching institutions for minorities

*126. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to establish different education coaching institutions for minorities on the pattern of coaching institute for SC/ST and Backward classes candidates; and

(b) if so, what are the details in the regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Government of India, Ministry of Welfare has sanctioned a scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria as a Plan Scheme with Budget Provision of Rs. 10 crore for VIII Plan. The scheme is to be implemented through national and state level professional coaching institutions of repute possession competence in the field. The objective of the scheme is to coach/train candidates belonging to weaker sections to enable them to compete on equal terms in various competitive/ entrance examinations. The term 'Weaker Section' includes minorities and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes.

Adverse trend in capital formation in Agriculture

*128. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been adverse trends in capital formation in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decline has been quite noticeable with the gross agricultural investment at constant prices in 1980-81 dipping to Rs. 4357 crore in 1990-91 from Rs. 4,636 crore a decade earlier;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to contain or reverse this trend ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (e) Latest available estimates of gross capital